

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-country Training Program - Egypt

1. PURPOSE. To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Egypt to assist in preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. Facts.

a. Summary of Program.

(1) Tour Length: 12 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: 1 FAO arrives Jun/Jul to Jun/Jul following year and the second arrives in Jan and departs Jan the following year.

(3) Program Description: Up to two FAOs per year are attached to USDAO Cairo for ICT. The normal training sequence is two months of Egyptian dialect training at the International Logistics Institute, then at the Egyptian Ministry of Defense Language Institute (MODLI). The duration at MODLI is at the user's discretion, but generally about 2 months. Following this, the FAO spends three months at an Egyptian Military School (currently the Egyptian Army General Logistics Course). FAOs coordinate course attendance upon arrival in country. The remaining ICT time spent in regional travel and gaining experience through assistance to the Defense Attaché.

(4) Prerequisites- CPT/MAJ; branch immaterial; Arabic 2/2/1+.

(5) Language Instruction Availability: Several opportunities exist for dependent language instruction at minimal or no expense. Exposure to the Egyptian dialect is highly encouraged since most Egyptians, including Army officers, speak only dialect. The Logistics course is taught exclusively in dialect.

b. Property:

(1) Government:

(a) Vehicle: The FAO station has two vehicles, a 1998 and a 1999 Mitsubishi Pajero. These are Government property for use in support of regional travel. They are for official use only. They are not a substitute for personal transportation.

(b) Furniture: FAO residences are fully furnished, to include major appliances.

(c) Office: The FAOs have an office with a Gateway 2000 computer equipped with a CD ROM.

(2) Personal:

(a) POV: Each FAO is authorized to ship one POV. This should be done early since shipping time takes about 3 months. Egypt has a prohibition on the import of vehicles over 2 years old. Public transportation is more than adequate. Additionally, POV parking in Cairo is very difficult. Many U.S. personnel prefer to purchase used vehicles on the economy. Check with sponsor before shipping POV.

(b) Household Goods: FAOs are authorized partial JFTR, since most major furnishings and appliances are provided. They should bring only personal items, clothing, decorative items to include wall hangings, kitchen and gardening supplies, entertainment items such as computers, stereos, and televisions. Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.

c. Housing: Government leased, furnished, 3-bedroom apartment, located in Maadi, a quarter of Cairo. Since the Government pays the lease costs, FAOs do not receive OHA/BAQ.

d. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: AMEMB health clinic is staffed by doctors. Referral to Egyptian specialists is available. Severe cases are evacuated to facilities in Germany. THE AmEmb does not have a resident dentist. An Army reserve dental team currently visits the embassy twice a year. Enroll in TRICARE through the OPSCO at DAO upon arrival. TRICARE reimburses medical/dental expenses for off post referrals.

(2) Dependent Schooling: The Cairo American College, located in Maadi-Digla (heart of the American community) teaches grades K-12. Tuition and fees are paid by DODDS.

(3) PX/Commissary: A commissary, convenience store, and vehicle repair shop are available.

(4) APO: a full service APO is available at the Embassy. Normal postal regulations apply.

(5) Recreation: The American Employees Cooperative and Welfare Association (AECWA) operates a club in Maadi that consists of a pool, tennis court, playground and

restaurant. The Embassy Community Liaison Officer (CLO) offers information and coordinates a wide variety of activities within the local community.

- e. Rater/Senior Rater: A/ARMA - Rater
DATT/ARMA – Senior Rater

- f. Address:

(1) Mail- DAO/FAO, Unit 64901, Box 9, APO AE 09839-4901 61

(2) Message- USDAO CAIRO EG

- g. Phone #: 011-202-357-3230/357-3246; FAX - 357-3049.

- h. FAOs in Training/Programmed:

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3. Additional Information.

a. Entry requirements (NOTE: *This information is subject to change. Recommend FAOs check DoD 4500.54G, Foreign Area Clearance Guide and w/sponsor NLT 90 days before PCS*). FAOs require Diplomatic passports; family members require Official (maroon) passports. Visas are required for all FAOs and family members. Health/Immunization requirements: HIV screening (done w/in 6 months) and meningococcal meningitis "A". FAOs will normally attend INTAC prior to arrival on station. (Call John Martiny in the DIA travel section at 202-231-2923 and see if he can help obtain dip passports). Other recommended shots are the Hep series and Rabies, check with installation immunization center.

- b. Bring materials for completion of CGSC.

c. Business clothing is Embassy attire. FAOs are authorized a Civilian Clothing Allowance and should apply when they arrive in country.

- d. FAOs should bring a full range of military uniforms.

e. The AT&T Global phone card is the only one of its kind that works in Egypt, and is very useful for making personal calls.

- f. FAOs should obtain an International Driver's License prior to departing the U.S.

- g. Regional Travel Priorities:

Priority One – Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Turkey.

Priority Two – Other Gulf States, Yemen, Iran* and Iraq*.

PriorityThree – The Maghreb, Sudan, Mauritania, and Libya*.

* Current travel restrictions apply.

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